

I am extremely disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's cynical attempt to manipulate public opinion and unfairly influence the presidential election by airing an anti-Kerry documentary shortly before the election.

Clearly, they expect that this will be a "done deal" before anything can be done about it, and that the consequences to the company will be minor. The FCC must show that this isn't the truth. A slap on the wrist won't prevent others from attempting similar undemocratic moves in the future.

Furthermore, this is a perfect example of why media consolidation is such a danger to our country. Our democracy is facing a significant threat from this, and from similar concentrations of media ownership. I urge you to take a strong stand here.

Thank-you.